

Fwd: Coutts closure

From: Rick Gardner <rick.gardner@gov.ab.ca>
To: Bob Andrews <bob.andrews@gov.ab.ca>
Date: Sun, 30 Jan 2022 02:21:37 -0700

Bob, FYI

From: Jason Delaney <Jason.Delaney@gov.ab.ca>
Sent: Saturday, January 29, 2022, 23:31
To: Rick Gardner
Subject: Re: Coutts closure

Hello Sir,

We had a total of 12 members attend today as follows:

Day shift:
5 members - regular scheduled duties (3 x reassigned from the Coaldale ITU, 2 from Coutt VIS)

Evening shift:
5 members - regular scheduled duties (3 from Coutts VIS, 2 reassigned from Redcliff ITU).

2 members on OT from Lethbridge CVI office (2 x 8 hour shifts).

I am told the RCMP had 25 officers, CP Police had 1 officer and CBSA had over a dozen throughout the day.

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From: Rick Gardner <Rick.Gardner@gov.ab.ca>
Sent: Saturday, January 29, 2022 11:05:14 PM
To: Jason Delaney <Jason.Delaney@gov.ab.ca>
Subject: Fwd: Coutts closure

Jay, how many Sheriffs were deployed at the Coutts incident.

From: Bob Andrews <Bob.Andrews@gov.ab.ca>
Sent: Saturday, January 29, 2022 7:45:55 PM
To: Rick Gardner <Rick.Gardner@gov.ab.ca>
Cc: Rob Sapinsky <Rob.Sapinsky@gov.ab.ca>
Subject: Fwd: Coutts closure

Hi Rick, please see the below message. How many sheriffs do we have deployed to Coutts?

Bob

From: Farooq Sheikh <Farooq.Sheikh@gov.ab.ca>
Sent: Saturday, January 29, 2022 7:35 PM
To: Bob Andrews; Greg Medley
Subject: Fwd: Coutts closure

FYI

From: Marlin Degrand <Marlin.Degrand@gov.ab.ca>
Sent: Saturday, January 29, 2022 7:21 PM
To: Dwayne Lakusta; Peter Lemieux; Farooq Sheikh
Cc: Dennis Cooley
Subject: Fwd: Coutts closure

Latest on the boarder cruising break away group is blocking the roadway.

Marlin

From: Tewfik, Peter <peter.tewfik@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
Sent: Saturday, January 29, 2022 6:04:59 PM
To: Marlin Degrand <Marlin.Degrand@gov.ab.ca>; Zablocki, Curtis <curtis.zablocki@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>; Ferguson, John <john.g.ferguson@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
Cc: Bowden, Tammy <Tammy.Bowden@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
Subject: RE: Coutts closure

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Good evening,

The roads north and south to the Coutts border are blocked. We had initial information that the border was closed on the US side. We have clarified it is open but letting limited traffic through.

We are in discussions with CBSA and US border authorities on diverting to a different border crossing to keep cross border traffic moving.

We are not making arrests yet and we are not towing vehicles yet. There are some logistical challenges with clearing the vehicles from the area through a tow. We are working on a strategy. We are gathering evidence and will be issuing tickets/ charges under the appropriate legislation.

The organizers of the event have made calls to participants to move their vehicles but the message has been ignored. We are working on strategies with those people participating in the roadway stoppage to gain compliance and get roadways moving again. Additional CCMG resources have been called in due to the size and scope of the people participating.

We have messaged on Social Media for people to avoid the area due to the stoppage of traffic along the highway. There are information barricades set up to advise traffic of the disruptions along the route.

Sit rep to follow...

Peter

From: Marlin Degrand <Marlin.Degrand@gov.ab.ca>

Sent: Saturday, January 29, 2022 4:22 PM

To: Tewfik, Peter <peter.tewfik@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>; Zablocki, Curtis <curtis.zablocki@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>; Ferguson, John <john.g.ferguson@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>

Cc: Bowden, Tammy <Tammy.Bowden@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>

Subject: Re: Coutts closure

Thank you Peter.

From: Tewfik, Peter <peter.tewfik@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>

Sent: Saturday, January 29, 2022 3:08:37 PM

To: Zablocki, Curtis <curtis.zablocki@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>; Ferguson, John <john.g.ferguson@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>; Marlin Degrand <Marlin.Degrand@gov.ab.ca>

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I have taken over as Gold for the protests this afternoon relieving John. We are sending out a sit rep in short order. I have preliminary information that there is a blockage in place now at the road leading to the border that we are confirming. It will not be part of the next update unless we confirm. Just providing a heads up- planning is underway.

Peter

C/Supt. Peter Tewfik M.O.M. (he/him/il)

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